HAD MYSTERIOUS TELEPHONE

CALL BEFORE HE WAS SHOT.

The airship still refuses to

Frank Richardson's Talk With

Some Unknown Person Ap-

peared to Agitate Him.

WIFE TOO ILL TO TESTIFY.

Savannah Tragedy Remains

Shrouded in Mystery-

Stuart Fife Recalled.

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 29.-1f Mrs. Frank W

Richardson knows who shot and killed her

husband on Christmas Eve she is still

nursing the secret. Her physician forbade her to leave her home to-day and the testi-mony which may throw the first real gleam

of light upon the mystery is yet to come.

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## MINING BUBBLE BURSTS; THIRTEEN FIRMS FAIL.

Many Titled Englishmen In- MILLIONS INVOLVED volved in Financial Ruin, if Not Disgrace.

RECALLS HOOLEY FAILURE.

London and Globe Finance Corporation, \$50,000,-000, Collapses.

Lordon, Dec. 29.-(Copyright, '900, by W R. Hearst.)—A financial smash, recalling the gigantic fall and disgrace of Ernest Terah Hooley, the pinchback Napoleon of Threadneedle street, shook the city of Lon-

don to-day.

The London and Globe Finance Corporation suspended payment. With its failure, it is thought, will come financial embarrassment, if not disgrace, to honored names—to men who sold their titles to a shrewd speculator and then muddled away the millions they were incapable of

marionettes, was Whitaker Wright, a type of the modern London "promoter," whose capital is his ability as a stock salesman. Mr. Wright bolstered up his company by the use of such men as Lord Dufferin, who is more of a poet than a banker or broker.

MAXY MEN OF HIGH POSITION INVOLVED.

Besides Lord Dufferin other men of high position are involved in the smash. One of them is Lord Pelham-Clinton, uncle of the Duke of Newcastle, who is now in the United States. This nobleman, it is believed,

United States. This nobleman, it is believed, interested his nephew in the company.

Another victim of the smash is Lieutenant General the Honorable Somerset J. Gough-Caithorp a very select gentleman, who is the head of the Fifth Dragoon Guards, of which regiment he has been Colonel-in-Chief for eight years. The Honorable Somerset J. Gough-Caithorpe and his uniform were weeful in bettering investors.

enterprises.

To-day the bubble burst and with the

a heavy loser, and other prominent persons who were interested as investors, rather than as promoters, were hard hit.

The London and Globe Company is inter-ested in the Baker street and Waterloo Railway scheme in London, and it is said that heavy investments in this enterprise

New York, Dec. 19 .- In spite of rather dis-

quieting news from London showing a num-

ber of failures in the West Australian Min-ing Department of the Stock Exchange and

sales of some 40,000 shares for London ac-count, the market developed strength after the first half hour and closed firm a triffe

under the best of the day. The buying of the granger stocks was a conspicuous

feature and commission-houses were acting

on the buil side. It looks as if the Mor-gan following and the wide speculative group of operators implied by "Standard

Oil interests" were still on the bull side. The bank statement was a satisfactory one

and the increase in loans was not un-

Calculations Upset.

This has been a short week, but the temper of the public is apparent, and, although expert opinion may be inclined to advise caution, the determined buying of

the railroad stocks has upset the calcula-tions of some of the oldest heads in Wali street. The movement is certainly justified

in the case of the granger and Northwest-tern stocks generally, and when one consid-ers that Mr. J. J. Hill and his following are

on the bull side in such stocks as St. Paul, Rock Island and Northern Pacific it is

plain that there is still the material for

higher prices. St. Paul is earning some-thing like 14 per cent on its common stock, and unless something very unlikely hap-pens it will go on a 6 per cent basis at the next declaration, and might pay 8 per cent,

NEW YORK MARKET WAS NOT AFFECTED

BY THE FINANCIAL SMASH IN LONDON.

month

with batter reason than Louisville, for in-stance, has for paying 4 per cent. Money, which was the one consideration likely, in

tor in the market.

ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

IN THE CRASH.

Partners involved-2 Capital involved (estimated) \$75,-

Probable loss to investors \$5.00. Responsibility - Charged against •

Wilkinson Wright, "promoter," and .

the greatest excitement, while the sellers of West Australian shares were shouting, "Crack, crack, crack," which is the London equivalent for "failures ahead," Went the much-dreaded hammer.

The chairman annumed the failure of three members of the exchange-Meser. Haggard, Hale and Pixley, whose checks had been returned to the Clearing-house over night.

Business was just beginning again, when ense more, "track, crack, crack," went the hammer. This was continued throughout the session, until the suspension of thirteen firms, with a membership of twenty-nine persons, all holding seats on the Stock Exchange, was announced.

The failed brokers have all been promi-

nent in the mining speculation and have de-voted their attention to "Westralias," as the West Australian shares are called, and

The chairman of the collapsed concern is the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, an aged, honored diplomat formerly Governor General of Canada, and afterwards British Ambassador at Paris. Lord Dufferin knew all about world politics, nothing about finance. He allowed himself to be placed at the head of the corporation, a concern with a cupital of 10,080,000, or near-it \$2,000,000.

The man who made a puppet of Lord Dufferin just as Hooley worked the Earl de la Warr and a dozen other persons as his warres file allower file shares of Le Rel No. 2, a British Columbian marionettes, was Whitaker Wright, a type ban mine, have fallen straight away from been mine, have fallen straight away from £35 to £5.

Shareholders are expressing their minds Sagrenators are expressing their finness pretty freely through the medium of the press. With one accord, they blame the Marquis of Dufferin, Sir William Robinson. Lord Loch and other titled Englishmen, whom even the English investor has been taught to venerate, for their undoing. HOW LE ROI STOCK WAS MANIPULATED.

One case will illustrate the plan under which the Wright syndicate operated. A few weeks ago it was rumored that the Le Roi Mining Company would this mouth announce a dividend of at least 7 shilling and 5 pence per share, and that, in consequence, the shares would be lifted to at Gough-Calthorp a very select gentleman, who is the head of the Fifth Dragoon Guards, of which regiment he has been Colonel-in-Chief for eight years. The Honorable Somerset J. Gough-Calthorpe and his uniform were useful in bringing investors into the camp of the company.

Operating through these high personages, Whitaker Wright floated a vast number of the convergence of the paid "at present" caused a further depression to-day.

mining companies designed to develop min-ing properties in West Australia and Brit-at the extreme high figure reached on the ish Columbia. He fairly outdid Hooley and the late Barney Barnato in the scope of his had accurate information concerning the dividend plans. The Le Roi Mine is in a very prosperous condition according to the Economist, but lavish expenditures for ex-tension work have eaten up the profits. London and Globe concern thirteen firms, involving about thirty members of the Steek Exchange, went down in ruin. It is hapossible at this time to even estimate the probable losses of the guillible British investors, but it is said that they will be fortunate is they escape with an aggregate loss of \$25,00,000. The Countess of Warwick is said to be a concern the bubble british in the counters of Warwick is said to be a concern the bubble british in the counters of Warwick is said to be a concern the bubble burst of the Economist, but lavish expenditures for extension work have eaten up the profile. In many other mining specialities the investing public has had about the same experience. Millions have been won and lost. It will be interesting to note as the facts are developed, just who the winners are. As to the lossers, they are pretty generally known through the failures amounced toknown through the failures announced to

ing department of the Stock Exchange and

It is likely that on Monday the jury will visit her home and take her testimony The Countess of Warwick is said to be day, and, as said, include many titled per-sonages to sny nothing of the thousands who invested their savings in these mining enterprises. As yet the trouble is confined to the min-

who were important witnesses this afterhouse at 8 o'clock of Christmas Eve. He gave Mrs. King some candy and chewing gum as a Christmas gift, laughing as he

the financial community as a whole is un-affected, but it is feared the trouble will spread and that Monday will bring a new crop of failures, possibly in unexpected The scenes on the Stock Exchange to-day | quarters.

the opinion of street experis, to prejudicially affect the market, has not caused dis-

quiet in any quarter, and with the Janu-

ary disbursements available for investmen

Possibility of a Break. We may take it that the failures in Lon-

don are sufficient to cause duliness there, but the market is wide enough to do with-out support from this quarter. There is nothing new in the Chinese or South Afri-

can position, and it cannot be too often repeated that in the present temper of the public all experience has shown that only the unforeseen can check the buil move-

ment. There will necessarily come a time when brokers in Wall street will be carrying as much stock as their credit allows, and it

may be expected that the Morgan and other bull interests will, by that time, have un-loaded upon the public. In such circum-stances a considerable break may be ex-

pected, and the wiser brokers are looking for a recession before the end of next

After a continuous rise, amounting in

some instances to over 20 points, the set-back of the general list of some 10 points

or more would be healthy and natural and would give firm ground to start from for

would give firm ground to start from for the usual spring boom. Sugar is manipulat-ed by the Boston bull pool, who openly say that Mr. Havemeyer does not know everything about trade conditions and Steel

stocks show a rather better tone, with signs of the public nibbling at them. Ten-nessee Coal and Iron is likely to be bet-ter managed in the future and would prob-

in the coming month it censes to be a fa

FRANK W. RICHARDSON.

a Drawing Made at Savaanah for The Republic, tion of the problem, Stuart Fife was brought went to the Owl Club, which is back in to the front again to-day after the jury had the business district of the town. Both King and his mother said that Fife had

received the testimony of John King, a been drinking, cripple, and his mother, Mrs. Caroline King, Fife Again Testifies. Fife was again placed on the stand to-Because King is unable to walk, the jury flied to his home, which is about two blocks from the courthouse, and on the street on which the Richardson home was located. Both testified that Stuart Fife was in their very young man and perhaps the day, after the Kings had testified. His father is senior member of the firm in which Richardson was a partner, and he himself

very young man and perhaps the best dresser in Savannah. He did not remember well the events of gum as a Christmas gift, laughing as he did so. He left in a few minutes, going in the direction of the Richardson house, according to King's testimony.

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When on the stand Wednesday, Fifs swore that upon leaving the King home he Charles Stanton was a witness again to-

WORLD'S FAIR ROLL OF HONOR.

Year Opens Next Tuesday.

Remember that the New Year is at hand. Congress will act soon or not at all.

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day, and produced the letter written him on Christmas Day by Goldie Whitehead. This, however, was shown only to the presiding Coroner, the jury and the Prosecuting Attorney, the latter retaining it and guarding it carefully from the reporters.

"There is nothing sensational in the let-

WITH THE DAWN OF THE NEW CENTURY.

The Allies are still tangled up

with the Chinese question.

ter, but Mr. Stanton doesn't want notorle-ty. If it were my letter I should be willing to make it public, but the young man objects." Stanton is said to be engaged to a young

woman in a Southern State, and he fears that the publication of the communication would imperil his chances with her. A mysterious telephone call for Richard-son and his excitement when he answered, and the possibility of Mrs. Richardson knowing more about the death of her hus-band than she has told, were the incidents of to-day's session of the Coroner's in-

It was expected that the widow would be present to testify this morning, but she could not come. A physician stated that her condition was such that she could not venture out in the cold morning air. A question by a juror caused Attorney Booher to arise and make this statement

to the jury:

"I wish to say that if this Coroner's court attempts to investigate all the rumors and theories that fly about the streets, we shall not live to see the end of the hearing, but our children and our children's children will be witnesses, lawyers and jurors in the

There have been many statements to the effect that relatives of the murdered man are trying to conceal the true facts; that the prosecution is not doing its duty; that witnesses are placed on the stand to de-liberately faisity.

No Time for Wild Rumors.

and will leave no stone unturned, but we

TEMPERANCE SALOON CLOSES.

New York Crusaders Kept Patrons

From the Tivola. New York, Dec. 29.—The Tivola, a noted resort, closed its doors last night, after an attempt had been made for two weeks to

Brenner is 48 years old and lives with his wife and three children at No. 2816 Hen-rietta street. He entered the employ of the Wainwright Brewery about eight years ago. By application to business, he became a valuable and trusted man, and when, five years ago, the former cashier Close the Capital Stock Subscription Before the New

> lations soon after becoming cashier, he was not suspected until recently.
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> Two weeks ago it was decided by the officials of the St. Louis Brewing Association to place under bond all employes who handled money for the association. With this end in view, an examination of the handle money is in sustration of the handle money is the institution of the books was begun at the instigation of the bondsmen. All cashbooks and the books of other employes who handled money were overhauled. The investigation had

The examination of the books of the Wainwright company was begun early in the present week. Although he must have known that his books were being thor-oughly examined, Brenner went to the office daily as if he suspected nothing. By Thursday morning the officials of the company had gathered enough evidence against

visitors Brenner readily admitted his guilt. He said that his peculations had extended almost from the beginning of his position

# CASHIER ADMITS THAT HE STOLE FOR FIVE YEARS.

AMERICAN

The great American novel still refuses to come forth.

Charles J. Brenner Confesses That He Robbed the Wainwright Brewery.

WARRANT CHARGES \$8,000.

**Family Tries to Make Good** the Shortage, but Fails-He Is in Jail.

Charles J. Brenner, cashler and head bookkeeper for the last five years of the Wainwright branch of the St. Louis Brew-ing Association, was yesterday afternoon arrested on a warrant which charges him with embezzling \$8,000 of the funds of the

The warrant was obtained by Judge "Now, if there is any intimidation of witnesses, or if the facts are being concealed or any attempt is being made to conceal William A. Haren, manager of the Waln-

them by relatives or others, we want this fact to come out.

"We are striving to clear up this mystery and will leave no stone unturned, but we restrict the court of the Court.

Yesterday morning Brenner, in response cannot favestigate all wild rumors in one to a message from his employers, went bifetime." and spent several hours in going over the books with the manager and others. He was closeted until late in the afternoon

was closeted until late in the afternoon with officials of the company. Shortly before 4 o'clock the warrant was served on him by Deputy Sheriff Peterson. Peterson accompanied Brenner to the Four Courts, where the cashler was placed in the city juil. According to Brenner's statement and the opinion of officials of the brewing association, a more thorough examination of the books is expected to reveal a shortage of more than \$5.00. As present the

age of more than \$3,000. As present the amount which Brenner is known to have stolen is about \$5,600.

PECULATIONS EXTENDED OVER PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

left the company, Brenner was chosen to succeed him. Although, according to his admissions. Brenner commenced his peculations soon after becoming cashier, he was

dent that semething was wrong with the cashbooks of the Wainwright Brewery, handled by Breoner, Further, examination showed a considerable shortage, By Thursday morning the known amount of the defalcation was about \$500.

ADMITTED SHORTAGE

WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED.

as cashier to the present time. He gave no



CHARLES J. BRENNER,
Wainwright Brewery Cashier, who is under
arrest, accused of embezziling \$5.000, He
admits that his peculations have extended
over a period of five years.

detailed information in regard to the man-ner in which the money had been spent, but said that he was a drinking man-

Wednesday afternoon, knowing that dis-covery was certain, he informed his wife of his shortage. COULD NOT

RAISE THE MONEY.

Before Mr. Haren and the other visitors left the house an agreement was reached whereby Brenner was to be given until 10 whereby Brenner was to be given unto a o'clock Saturday morning to make good the defalcation or to make satisfactory arrangements for the return of the money. Brenner said that he had nothing with the same and it was which to cover his shortage, and it was agreed, provided the State Attorney would withhold presecution, to give the accused man until Saturday room to raise the money. It was thought by Mrs. Brenner and her relatives that the money could be raised, but all efforts to get together the required amount proved futile.

The cashier gave his word that he would make no attempt to recome nor did he.

make no attempt to escape, nor did he. Yesterday morning he was summoned to appear at the office of the Wainwright Brewery. For several hours he was closeted with officials of the brewery. This time was spent in going over the books, pointing out-places where false entry had been made and the manner in which it had been done, and the manner in which it had been done, and in making statements to those closeted with bim. Shortly before 4 o'clock this examination was finished, and Deputy Sheriff. Peterson, who had been in waiting in the private office, appeared, served the warrant and Brenner was led to jail.

The prisoner refused to make a detailed statement as to the manner in which he had obtained or had used the money, or as to the amount of his shortage.

BRENNER WAS

A TRUSTED EMPLOYE.

A TRUSTED EMPLOYE.

"Brenner was one of the most trusted employes of the brewery," said Manager Haren yesterday. "No one ever suspected him of any wrongdoing. According to his own confession, he has been stealing for the last five years. We have had the books examined twice a year resularly, and the cashier made semiannual reports to the auditor of the association, Max A. Krug. I do not know what he did with the money. He did not attend the races and was very domestic in his tastes, remaining at home a great deal of the time. His wife and family are heartbroken over the affair. His eldest son is about it years old. Brenner told us that he never took a large amount at one time. Whenever he needed a few dollars he simply took them from the cash on hand, and covered up his work by false pany had gathered enough evidence against him to demand an explanation. Thursday morning, however, Brenner did not appear. The manager and other officers of the company held a conference.

Thursday afternoon Mr. Haren, Judge Harvey and one or two others called at Brenner's home. Brenner, his wife and some relatives were found there. To the before the first of the some relatives were found there. To the

Charles J. Mehl and Max A. Krug, auditor of the association, examined the books and discovered the shortage.

### WRIGHT'S OPERATIONS AND CONNECTION SUBSCRIPTION BLANK. WITH DUFFERIN DEPICTED IN A NOVEL

Republic

NEW York, Dec. 29.—The late Harold Fred-Board of Directors. eric's novel of "The Market Place" was carance to viel, under a guise of fiction the main events in the early career of Whit-aker Wright and his connection with Lord Dufferin. The former is called in the novel Stormont Thorpe. He had started out in life as Joel S. Thorpe, but had dropped the Joel and spelled out his middle name in full. Lord Dufferin masquerades as the Marquis of Chaldon. This is how the finan-cier is described:

Thorpe was tail, but of a burly and slouching figure. His face, shrouded in a high-growing, dust-colored beard, invited no attention. One seemed always to have known this face—thick-featured, immobile, andistinguished. Its accounting to the indistinguished. Its accessories for the lime being were even more than ordinarily selve. Both hair and beard were ed with neglect. His commonplace, clothes looked as if he had slept in . The hands resting on his big knees coarse in shape and roughened and

the Marquis of Chaldron: "A tremendous domatic swell, Ambassador at Vienna in time and Lord Lieutenant and all sorts things, but willing to gather in his five udred a year just the same"-had agreed

Floats His Rubber Consols.

Floats His Rubber Consols.

There is not much of the Marquis in the story, which concerns itself mainly with how Thorpe floats the "rubber consols." through the aid of his guinea pigs; how his enemies attempt to bear the stock and how he corners the market by buying in all the shares offered, so that he owns all the 100, 600, save only 5,000, which had been subscribed for by bona-fide parties.

"We've got what's called a corner on the bears." This is how Thorpe describes his coup to his sister:

"They're caught short and we can squeeze them to our heart's content. What! you don't understand now? Why, see here; these fellows who have sold 25,000 of our shares—they haven't got them to sell, and they can't get them. That is the point; they can't get them for love nor money—they must pay me my own price for them or be ruined men. The moment they realize the situation they will begin offering a premium for Rubber consols. The price of a fi share will be f2, then i4, f5, f10, f20, f30—whatever I want to drive it to."

In point of fact everything happens as he says. Thorpe's enemies are ruined, his friends enriched, he himself marries a rich and aristocratic wife, and the novelist leaves him planning new schemes by which he may utilize the noble friends under whose tables he is now privileged to spread his legs.

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### **BUCKET-SHOP DEALS** HELD TO BE LEGAL.

Judge Booth Renders Decision in Noted Case From Standpoint of Common Law,

Judge J. Wesley Booth of the Clayton Circuit Court yesterday rendered a decision in effect upholding the legality of bucketshop transactions from the standpoint of common law.

The case was that of Gaylord, Blessing & Co. against Hannah Duryea. The plaintiffs asked a judgment for \$3,479.08, which they alleged was commissions due them from the defendant for speculating in stocks for her.

Mrs. Duryea contested the claim on the ground that all of the transactions were gambling ones and accordingly not within Judge Booth rendered an oral decision.

Judga Booth rendered an oral decision.
The speculation had been in National Linseed Oil Company and Carthage Light Company. The transactions, he said, were carried on in New York and were consequently under the laws of that State, the wording of which he was not familiar with. In the absence of statutory enactment he said that he would have to rely on common law and would give a verdict for the plaintiffs. and would give a verdict for the piaintiffs as the attempt to knock out the transac-tions on the charge of gambling could not be sustained because both principal and agent knew at the time of the transaction that there was to be no actual transfer of

The defendant filed notice of an appeal immediately. The case has been on the docket since May 12, 1898, and has attracted much attention among lawyers on account of the question that it invoived. John W. Overall represented the plaintiff and Judge Henry L. Edmunds, Judge John W. Mc-Elhinney and William Scholield the defendant.